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In re Application of :

Matthias SCHNABELRAUCH et al. : Art Unit: 1615

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the May 20, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.